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As much as it hath pleased Almighty God to call to his mercy out of this transitory life our Soueraigne Ladie, the high and Mightie Prince, Elizabeth late Queene of England, France, and Ireland, by whose death and dissolution, the Imperiall Crowne of these Realmes aforesaid are now absolutely, wholly, and solely come to the high and Mightie Prince, James the first King of Scotland, who is lineally and lawfully descended from the body of Margaret, daughter to the high and Renowned Prince, Henry the seventh King of England, France, and Ireland, his great Grandfather, the said Lady Margaret being lawfully begotten of the body of Elizabeth, daughter to King Edward the fourth (by which happy coniunction both the houses of Yorke and Lancaster were united, to the ioy vnspeakeable of this Kingdome, formerly rent & torne by the long dissention of bloody and Ciuil warres) the same Lady Margaret being also the eldest sister of Henry the eight, of famous memorie King of England as aforesayd:

We therefore the Lords Spirituall and Temporall of this Realme, being here assembled, united, and assisted with those of her late Maiesties Prinie Counsell, and with great numbers of other principall Gentlemen of quality in the Kingdome, with the Lorde Maior, Aldermen, and Citizens of London, and a multitude of other good Subiects and Commons of this Realme, thirsting now after nothing so much as to make it knownen to all persons, who it is that by Law, by Lineall succession, and vndoubted Right is now become the onely Soueraigne Lord and King of these Imperiall Crownes (to the intent that by vertue of his Power, Wisedome and Godly Courage, all things may be provided for, and executed, which may prevent or resist either forreine attempts, or popular disorder, tending to the breach of the present Peace, or to the prejudice of his Maiesties future quiet) doe now hereby with one full Voyce and Consent of Tongue and Heart, publish and proclaim, That the high and Mightie Prince, James the first King of Scotland, is now by the death of our late Soueraigne, Queene of England of famous memorie, become also our Onely, Lawfull, Lineall and Rightfull Liege Lord, James the first, King of England, France and Ireland, defender of the faith, to Whome as to our onely iust Prince, adorned (besides his vndoubted Right) with all the rarest gifts of mind and bodie, to the infinite comfort of all his people and Subiects that shall liue vnder him, we doe acknowledge all faith and constant obedience, with all heartie and humble affections, both during our naturall liues for our selues, and in the behalfe of our posteritie. Hereby protesting and denouncing to all persons whatsoever, that in this iust and lawfull Acte of ours, we are resolved by the fauor of Gods holy assistance, and in the zeale of our owne Conscience (warranted by certaine knowledge of his manifest and vndoubted Right, as hath beene sayd before) to maintaine and vphold his Maiesties person and Estate, as our onely vndoubted Soueraigne Lord and King, with the Sacrifice of our Liues, Lands, Goods, Friends, and Adherents, against all power, force, or practise, that shall goe about by word or deed, to interrupt, contradict, or impugne his iust Claymes, his entry into this Kingdome, or any part thereof, at his good pleasure, or disobey such Royall directions as shall come from him. To all which wee are resolved onely to yeeld our selues, vntill the last drop of our bloods be spent for his seruice. Hereby willing and commanding, in the name of our Soueraigne Lord James the first, King of all the foresaid kingdoms, all the late Lieutenants, deputy Lieutenants, Sheriffes, Iustices, & all Maiors, Bailiffes, Constables, headboroughes, and all other Officers and Ministers whatsoever, that they bee ayding and assisting from time to time in all things that are or shalbe necessary for the preventing, resisting, and suppressing of any disorderly assemblies, or other vnlawfull Acte or Attempt, either in word or deede, against the publique peace of the Realme, or any way prejudiciall to the Right, Honour, State or Person, of our only vndoubted and deere Lord and Soueraigne that now is, James the first King of all the said Kingdomes, as they will auoyd the perill of his Maiesties heauie indignation, and their owne bitter ruine and confusion. Beseeching God to blesse his Maiestie and his Royall posteritie with long and happy yeeres to raigne ouer vs.

God faue King Iames.

Robert Lee, Maior.
Io. Cantuar.
Tho. Egerton. C.S.
Tho. Buckhurst. Th.
E. Oxford.
Nottingham.
Northumberland
Gilbert Shrewsbury.
W. Derby.
E. Worcester.
G. Cumberland.
R. Sussex.
Pembrok.
H. Lincolne.
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Io. Norwich.

Tho. Lawarre.
Mortley.
H. Cobham.
Gray Wilt.
Scrope.
Lomley.
Ed. Cromwell.
Rob. Rich.
George Hunsdon.
G. Chandoy.
W. Compton.
Norreys.
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W. Knollys.
Ed. Wotton.
L. Stanley.
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Iob. Fortescue.
Jo. Popham.

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